

neer (French) had received orders from the train dispatcher to go to some place about twenty miles beyond, and so we passed through Flogny at the usual rate of forty miles per hour. By the time we reached Tonnerre, ten miles beyond Flogny, Major Schucker, who was in charge of the train, realized that something must be done and done quickly. He rushed to the engine and with drawn revolver persuaded the engineer to put us off there in Tonnerre. It was then late in the afternoon, and we had to hike back to Flogny, ten miles.

FIRST OVERSEAS TRAINING AREA—BILLETED WITH FRENCH PEASANTS.

This ten mile hike with full packs, after a two days' ride on a cattle car, was one of the first features of our introduction to the "unendurables" and "impossibles" of modern warfare. That night we pitched tents in a big grassy meadow in front of an old French chateau, and for the first time slept in our "pup tents." The next day we were billeted in the villages of that vicinity. Headquarters, Machine Gun Company and Supply Company were at Flogny; First Battalion at Percey, Second Battalion at Carissy and Villers Veneux, and Third Battalion at Lignieres.